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TAGS: PFOR, IR, AF
SUBJECT: IRAN-AFGHAN RELATIONS

1. DURING MEETING WITH COURT MINISTER ALAM YIPACWE
HE PHILOSOPHIZED FOR SOME TIME ON DEVELOPMENTS IN
AFGHANISTAN AS FOLLOWS:

2. ALAM SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR IRANIAN OFFICIALS NOT
TO TAKE QTE I TOLD YOU SO UNQOE POSITWON REGARDING KING
ZAHIR'S FATE. FORXNUMBER OF YEARS, SAID ALAM, PRIME
MINISTERSLOMVEYDA AND OTHERS HAD WARNED KING ZAHIR
REGARDING TROJAN HORSE HE WAS BUILDING UP IN SOVIET
TRAINETLAFGHAN TROOPS WHICH WOULD ONE DAY JOIN FORCES
WITH DISSIDENT ELEMENT IN AFGHAN SOCIETY TO OVERTHROW
HIM. KING ZAHIR HAD ALWAYS DISMISSED THESE WARNINGS
WITH ASSERTION HE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING ON AND COULD
CONTROL SITUATION, AND NOW HE HAD BEEN DEPOSED.

3. ALAM SAID HE WOULD WITH EQUAL CONVICTION MAKE NEW
PREDICTION TO EFFECT THAT CAUD WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
CONTROL HIS COLONELS WHO WOULD EVENTUALLY EITHER
OVERTHROW HIM OR USE HIM AS FRONT FOR THEIR RULE.

4. ALAM COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY KING ZAHIR HAD TAKEN
DEVELOPMENT LYING DOWN. HE CONTRASTED KING ZAHIR'S
PERFORMANCE WITH THAT OF SHAH IN 1953 WHEN HE HAD
RETURNED TO REGAIN POWER IN IRAN.

5. REGARDING HELMUND WATERS, ALAM NOTED THAT BOTH
COUNTRIES WERE VERY CLOSE TO FINAL RATIFICATION. BY
COINCIDENCE MAJLIS HAD APPROVED AGREEMENT JULY 17.
SAME DAY AS

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help I believe -
not only returning
but convincing
him to return
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SAME DAY AS COUP, AND WITH SENATE APPROVAL EXPECTED
SHORTLY IRANIAN RATIFICATION PROCESS WOULD BE COMPLETED
VERY SOON. AS FOR DAUD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD HELMAND WATERS
AGREEMENT, ALAM SAID GOI HAD DECIDED NOT TO RAISE ISSUE
AT THIS TIME EITHER PRIVATELY OR PUBLICLY BUT TO TAKE
POSITION THAT NOTHING HAD HAPPENED TO CHANGE RATIFICATION
PROCESS AND IN DUE COURSE AFGHANISTAN WOULD FOLLOW SUIT WITH
RATIFICATION.

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